

completely and an outer portion of said inner fiber portion is roughened where said sheath is completely removed leading to said laser light exit.

20. A method for reducing pump light in an exit of a fiber laser formed of a fiber system surrounded by a sheath, comprising the steps of:

providing a last section of the fiber laser preceding a light exit for laser light thereof so that at least a portion of the sheath is not provided thereat.

REMARKS

The specification, drawings, and Abstract have been amended in accordance with U. S. practice. Also, new claims generally corresponding to claims prosecuted in the PCT prosecution are presented and which are drawn in accordance with U. S. practice.

A copy of an Information Disclosure Statement is also provided for the Examiner's review.

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